Dear Bob, 3/18/00

We had company day before yesterday, when your 3/12 and its interesting enclosures got here. I then had time to read your letter only. But early yesterday morning, after I had started to respond, there was the unusual event about which I made a note a copy of which I'll enclose. To simplify it before you read it, I can think of nothing that could have intraduced the sounds that did not come from our TV or hifi, neither of which was on, other than as the result of a malfunction or of human failure with a bug. If I learn more I'll let you know. And if you have heard of anything like that, I would like very much to know. However, I am not implying and I do not believe that any bug would have to be federal and I have no reason to suspect that. However, there can be a few others who can have an improper interest in me having nothing to do with my work.

The grapefruit came as you said and they are delicious and I think the unusual woven basket in which they are packed inside the cardboard box will be both attractive and useful. I explain the seeming uncertainty. I am not allowed to lift that much weight, relatively little as it is. Our mail deliverers, not all women, always bring the mail that has nay weight to the house and put it on the kitchen table. Then, when someone is here, what can benefit from cold is carried to our enclosed porch where the grapefruit are being refrigerated by the weather, below freezing this a.m. I move a few into the refrigerator as we use them.

That basket looks like a round or cylindrical hamper and I'm sure Lil will find it attractive and useful. However, until it is eppty I'll not remove it from the stout box in which it was mailed.

Many, many thanks!

Glad to hear that your folks are both still here but of course I'm sorry about their problems. Which we also have. I've given much though to the many illnesses I've been fortunate to survive and to the surgeries I was not expected to survive (3) and to Lil's many problems much like you father's and, despite all, I am pleased to still be here and to be able to work although not with the intensity I did when I was a youth of a mere 80.

With regard to your mother, if her doctors have not put her in a walker to help prevent falls I hope you will get them to consider that. They are a nuisance but they prevent falls which, in the elderly, can lead to pneumonia which can be fatal as well as to broken bones and what they can mean. Perhaps your mother's dizziness is a blood pressure problem and if it is possible for her, walking and diet can be significant. My first clot was detected in 1975 and that I'm still alive surprises most of my doctors. They attribute that to the walking program on which I started on my own. More on this if you think it can help your mother. But 25 years ago I was expected to lose the legs which, weak as they have become and with inadequate circulation, still do carry me around some.

Lil and I are not well but as I indicate above, I think we are still lucky to be here. We have both been hurt by some of out local medical care. It gave her a second broken hip and blood clots on the brain. She had four major operations in six weeks when she was 86!

I do appreciate your kind comments. To be able to do what I have done has meant much to me because I am the first member of my family, going back, so to speak, to Adam and Eve, who was born into freedom. This freedom was mine without my having done a thing to earn it. So I can regard the work I've done as a partial repayment for what became mine at birth.

It is too bad that as the world grows and more becomes possible there are those who can and do corrupt what is beneficial to make more than a legitimate profit from it. In my current experience, Gambro Healthcare. A friend believes that Swedish corporation is seeking a monopoly on dialysis in the U.S. It is supposed to benefit those with kidney problems but I am getting steadily weaker under it.

Don't apologize for writing letters off the top of the head. I wrote all my books that way and with many, under severe time pressures. We do what is possible for us. I've always wished I had an editor. By now there must be 25-30 unprinted book-length manuscripts several of which are about 200,000 words long. They will be a record for history and my concentration is on getting them down on paper, not on style and things like that, which we'd all prefer to have time for. If it is on paper, it can be used, even if it is not. But if it is not on paper, it cannot be used even if there is that interest.

What you say about the government's dishonesty with regard to the Gulf War and its casualties is, alas, much more widely true of government . The now thoroughly documented dishonesty with regard to the assassinations illustrates. I also illustrates political and media failures. What is encouraging is that a large number of people who refuse to be deceived and misled.

I have both a tape player and a videocassette player but please do not go to the trouble and expense of making dubs for me because I never take time to look at them. I must have 50 that I was given that I've not taken time for. The DJ and the FBI assured a federal court that I know more about the JFK assassination than anyone then working for the FBI. Whether or not they were sincere, that does impose an obligation on me and I spend every free minutes trying to meet that obligation, which is what I regard it,

To answer your questions, all but one of those many unpublished manuscripts is on the JFK assassination, its investigations, and the extremists on both extremes and the damage, the harm that they do, That one exception is titled

Whoring with History: How the Gerald Posners Protect the King Assassins. I was Ray's investigator in an effort to bring that case to trial or to make our system work. Where other efforts had failed my investigation turned up what succeeded, temporarily. We got an evidentiary hearing in Memphis, for which I also did the investigating. I located and prepared the witnesses and in fact exculpated Ray. But as they can do and sometomes have no real choice but to do, that judge decided against all the probative evidence. I have the two weeks of stenographic transcripts and Posner, who had no interest in truth and fact, did not look at them.

The wide variety of your reading reminds me of my youth when for a while, before the army, I returned to writing, from and about Washington. In those days I bought a minimum of seven papers daily but a few weekly magazines like Time and US News. I was offered a job by the latter but preferred to stay in the OSS while the rest of the war was being fought. The major newspapers them cost 2¢! Can you imagine that? The major magazines, like Time and US News, were, as I recall a dime and about $2.00 for a year's by-mail subscription.

Thanks for your good wishes. While I am able I'll continue what I'm doing and a friend is getting it all on a CD by means of which, when it is all done, it can be made available and the plan is to do that.

Many thanks and best to you both,

Harold